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This is UNEVALUATED Information 25X1

1. On 9 November 1954, eight members of the planning bureau of the KVP department of the Ministry of Interior in Berlin were fired for attending a six-day race in West Berlin. They were highly qualified experts who can hardly be replaced. 25X1
2. Between 15 and 20 November, the Seehaus installation was inspected by Walter Ulbricht and Otto Grotewohl. Ulbricht strongly objected against the luxurious interior decoration of the installation, especially of the so called general staffbuilding. On 22 November, [redacted] all orders referring to the interior decoration of this building had been cancelled on request of Ulbricht. It is the opinion of the planning bureau that this measure inevitably delays again the completion of the installation. 25X1
3. In early November, [redacted] no KVP generals were living at Wilkendorf Castle. General Heinz Hoffmann and General Wilhelm Meyer had a villa each on Straus Lake. 1 25X1
4. On 8 November, Lieutenant Colonel Pfennig (fnu), deputy commander in charge of political affairs and cadre chief of the VQN (Quartier - Nutzungs - Verwaltung - billeting and housing administration) was relieved from duty for unknown reason. Pfennig was allegedly transferred to the political school at Treptow but was not assigned a leading position. 2
5. In early November, closer ties were established between the KVP and the planning bureau Berlin of the 2d Section of the VQN. In future, the responsible VQN functionaries were to wear uniforms

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6. Wilkendorf Castle was used for conferences and official KVP celebrations only. Lieutenant General Hoffmann was living at 6 Fontane Strasse in Strausberg. [redacted] Field Marshal Paulus who attended a conference at Wilkendorf in late October, was still living in Dresden and lecturing at the Dresden academy. 1 25X1
7. The office of Lieutenant Colonel Friedrichs (fnu), deputy of Colonel Zettler (fnu), and Captain Schulz (fnu), political officer of installation I was located in attic room No 378 of building No 4 of the Seehaus installation. 3
8. On 25 November, an office of the State Security Service which had Lieutenant Colonel Peters (fnu) as chief, was observed in room No 228 on the first floor of building No 6e. 4
9. In late November, the 7th Administration, officially referred to as General Affairs Administration and Lieutenant Colonel Sparr (fnu) who was the chief were stationed in building No 4. The administration was in charge of all desertion cases and delicts of the KVP. 5
10. In early December, the Strausberg II installation which was the former Wanderarbeitsheim was occupied by females in civil clothes and uniform who were employed at installation I. The Strausberg II installation was not occupied to capacity. 25X1
11. In early December, the Seehaus installation in Strausberg had telephone No 599861, while the officer on duty was to be reached on house telephone No 2005. 6
12. On 20 November, an official briefing was held at the Seehaus installation. In the morning, five sedans arrived at the strictly guarded installation and left for Berlin in the evening. It was said that Grotewohl and Ulbricht visited the installation. 7
1. [redacted] Comment. The observations indicate that Wilkendorf Castle is not the residence of Lieutenant General Hoffmann and other generals, and that Field Marshal Paulus is still living in Dresden. It is believed that Paulus has no appointment within the KVP at present. Major Opitz (fnu) belongs to Administration XI. His office is located in room No 194 of building No 4. 25X1
2. [redacted] Comment. In October 1954, Lieutenant Colonel Pfennig (fnu) was still deputy commander in charge of political affairs and cadre chief of the VON. 25X1
3. [redacted] Comment. Colonel Zettler (fnu) is chief of the political section of the KVP Department/Ministry of Interior. Lieutenant Colonel Friedrichs (fnu) is listed as deputy chief. 25X1

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4. Comment. Lieutenant Colonel Peters (fnu) is reported for the first time. His office is known as liaison staff to the State Security Service which has Major General Bech (fnu) as chief and Lieutenant Colonel Krogewski (fnu) as acting chief.

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5. Comment. Sparr was previously reported as colonel and ~~major~~ general. It is believed that Sparr actually is a colonel.

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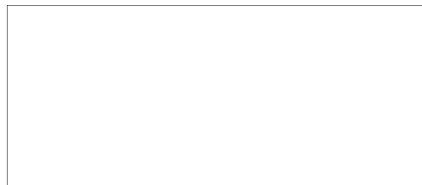
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6. Comment. The telephone numbers were previously reported.

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7. Comment. The information confirms the report in paragraph 2.



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